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GOI Publishes Two Amendments to PQO 2003 2004

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Report Highlights:

On June 4, 2004, the Ministry of Agriculture published two amendments to its Plant Quarantine Order 2003. These amendments deal mainly with plants and planting materials and have not been notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes the amendments to Schedule VI ("List of plants/plant materials permitted for import with additional declarations and special conditions") and Schedule VII ("List of plants/planting materials where imports are permitted on the basis of phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country, the inspection conducted by the inspection authority and fumigation, if required") under the PQO 2003. Both amendments were posted to the Plant Quarantine Department's website on June 17, 2004. Neither amendment has been notified to the WTO.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading on the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates:

Publication Date:	June 4, 2004
Effective Date:	June 4, 2004

Products Affected: Seeds/planning materials of several flowers, vegetables, and wood with bark of various species.

Agency in Charge: Ministry of Agriculture

Proposed Change:

The amendment to Schedule VI lists an additional 145 plants/plant materials permitted for import with additional declarations and special conditions. Affected products that might impact US agricultural interests include flower seeds, vegetable seeds (cabbage, spinach), and wood with bark (walnut, hickory, fir wood, Sapeli, Spruce, etc.)

See: www.plantquarantineindia.org/docfiles/schedule-VIc.HTM

The amendment to Schedule VII lists an additional 118 plants/planting materials, whose imports are permitted on the basis of phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country, the inspection conducted by the inspection authority and fumigation, if required, including all other general conditions.

See: www.plantquarantineindia.org/docfiles/Schedule-VIIB.htm

For More Information: Contact the Plant Quarantine Organization of India, GOI, website:

www.plantquarantineindia.org/PQO_amendments.htm

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